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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

John S. Packer Applicant(s): RE:

> Adaptec, Inc. Assignee:

> > A HARDWARE CIRCUIT AND METHOD FOR

Title: AUTOMATICALLY CONFIGURING ON-THE-FLY A SUB-

UNIT IN A SCSI MESSAGE

Serial No.: 10/068,650 February 5, 2002 Filed:

Group Art Examiner: Patel, Nimesh G. 2112

Unit:

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004 in the above application:

- Return receipt postcard; 1.
- RECEIVED This Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and 2.
- Amendment (5 pages). 3. NOV 2 2 2004

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- \boxtimes No additional claims fees are required.
- The additional claim fees have been calculated as shown below:

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| | Claims Remaining after Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | Additional Fee |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Total Claims | 35 | - 35 | = 0 | x \$18.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | - 4 | = 0 | x \$88.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$290) | | | | | 0.00 |
| | | To | tal of abo | ve Calculation | \$0.00 |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity) | | | | | 1.0 |
| | | | | Subtotal | \$ 0.00 |
| Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180) | | | | | 0.00 |
| | | | | TOTAL | \$ 0.00 |

☑ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 9, 2004.

Attorney for Applicant(s)

November 9, 2004

Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2004, please consider:

1. Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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